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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware The Suthers School has incredibly high standards and high expectations for all students demonstrating 'The Suthers Way'. These standards are reflected in all that we do throughout the school day and beyond so students and staff can be the best version of themselves.

As always, we would like to keep you informed of how we continue to ensure we uplift our standards so your child continues to achieve and be successful both academically and by developing their character which will ensure they stand out from others later in life.

Students Late to Lessons

There are a minority of students being late to lessons. After half a term of speaking supportively to individuals, small groups and some parents we need to adopt a slightly different approach to secure improvements.

We want students to be punctual to lessons as it is an important life skill. Being late impacts on their learning and their overall progress over time. When a student walks in late to a lesson it can be disruptive to both teaching and learning and your child deserves disruption free experiences.

We appreciate the support we have had in the phone calls made to parents to date. In many cases, parents have expressed a desire for us to have sanctions in place should their child be late.

This week will see the first week of a different approach. If your child has significant lateness to lessons, they will have a **1 hour detention on Friday after school**. Should your child not attend, without reason, then further sanctions will be applied the following week. In the case of week commencing 21st October, the sanction will apply the week after half term.

For clarity, the first detention will be on Friday 25th October and will finish at 3.45pm. If your child is expected to attend, you will be notified on Thursday afternoon.

We accept students have to move around the site and this does take a few minutes. This is always taken into account. This new approach will not impact on the vast majority of students that are always on time other than the fact their learning will not be disrupted by other students arriving late.

We welcome your support with our new approach.

Mobile Phones

As an addendum, I wanted to mention mobile phones. Our mobile phone policy has been well received by parents and carers and we appreciate your continuous support.

As a reminder, the mobile phone policy applies to the school site and not the time of day. Phones should not be seen, heard or used by students anywhere on site at any point. This includes when they arrive in the morning and as they are leaving the site after 2.45pm.

We will continue to remind students of the policy and would be grateful if you could discuss this with your child to ensure there is no confusion.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very pleasant half term.

Your sincerely,

Phil Hunt
Assistant Head Teacher

